(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of these foreign registered aircrafts were being piloted by expatriates whose security clearance had not been done by agencies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to check such air space violations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) No foreign registered aircraft is allowed to operate to/from and within India in an unrestricted manner, except as a part of approved international itinerary. Prior approval of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is required to operate foreign registered aircraft within India for each and every flight and the permission is duly conveyed by DGCA to the concerned ATC units, who further convey to the Indian Air Force authorities for getting the Air Defence Clearance. The procedure does not involve Ministry of Home Affairs at any stage.

(c) and (d) As per the practice in vogue, security clearance for crew members of foreign registered aircraft that are allowed to be retained in India for specific purpose and for specific period is not required from the Ministry of Home Affairs. The security clearance requirement is applicable only in respect of the foreign pilots operating Indian registered aircraft.

Equity base of NACIL

2337. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to raise the equity base of National Aviation Company India Ltd. (NACIL); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL) has submitted a proposal to the Government for infusion of additional equity in the company which is under examination.

Bail out package for civil aviation companies

2338. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal from his Ministry to Government to bail-out certain civil aviation companies from their financial and economic crisis;

(b) the details of the proposal made by the Ministry regarding each company or otherwise;

(c) the grounds given in the matter; and

(d) the details of the response of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir. There was no proposal to bailout specific civil aviation companies. However,